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<i>Application Number</i>	09/883,471
<i>Filing Date</i>	JUNE 18, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	EDGAR N. RUDISILL ET AL.
<i>Art Unit</i>	1771
<i>Examiner Name</i>	JOHN J. GUARRIELLO
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	SS3190USNA

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- 2. Previously submitted**

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

3. Miscellaneous

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b. ☐ Other

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FEE CALCULATION

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		-20 **	=	0	X	18	=	0
Independent Claims		-3 **	=	0	X	84	=	0
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
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1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750
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In the Application of:

EDGAR N. RUDISILL ET AL.

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(OF PARENT)

FILED: JUNE 18, 2001

CASE NO.: SS3190USNA

GROUP ART UNIT: 1771
(OF PARENT)EXAMINER: JOHN J. GUARRIELLO
(OF PARENT)FOR: MULTIPLE COMPONENT SPUNBOND
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A spunbond nonwoven fabric comprising continuous multiple component filaments having a cross-section, a length, and a peripheral surface and comprising a polyester component and a polyethylene component arranged in substantially distinct zones across the cross-section of the multiple component filaments and extending substantially continuously along the length of the multiple component filaments, at least a portion of the peripheral surface of the multiple component filaments comprising the polyethylene component, and the polyethylene component comprising a blend of linear low density polyethylene copolymer consisting of ethylene copolymerized with minor amounts of an α -olefin having 3 to 12 carbon atoms and high density polyethylene homopolymer, the high density polyethylene being present in an amount greater than 50 weight percent of the polyethylene component.

5. (Amended) The spunbond fabric according to claim 1 wherein the α -olefin comonomer is selected from the group consisting of 1-octene, 1-hexene, and 1-butene.

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